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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

### SCHEDULED MEETINGS

*Friday, 19 September 1997*

**SECURITY COUNCIL**

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| 10.30 a.m. | consultations of the whole (closed) | Consultation Room |

Georgia

Briefing by Mr. Liviu Bota, Special Representative of the Secretary-General

Other matters

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Fifty-second session*

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| 11 a.m. | 4th PLENARY MEETING | General Assembly Hall |

Organization of work of the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee (A/52/250).

**Committees**

SECOND COMMITTEE

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| 4 p.m. | 2nd meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |

1. Election of two Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur
2. Organization of work (A/52/250, A/C.2/52/L.1 and Add.1)

THIRD COMMITTEE

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| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | 2nd meeting | Conference Room 1 |

1. Election of officers
2. Organization of work (A/52/250, A/C.3/52/L.1 and L.1/Add.1)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | 2nd meeting | Conference Room 3 |

1. Election of the Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur
2. Organization of work (A/52/250, A/C.5/52/1*)

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* To be issued.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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| 4 p.m. | 1st (closed) meeting (resumed) | Conference Room 8 |

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

*Subjects*

1. Financing of United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi
2. Management of peacekeeping assets
3. Draft report: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Chapter II

**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund**

*Third regular session 1997*

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | 48th meeting | Economic and Social Council Chamber |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | 49th meeting | Economic and Social Council Chamber |

1. UNDP: Country cooperation frameworks and related matters [6] (DP/GCF/1/Rev.1)
2. UNDP: Change management: updated implementation plan [2] (DP/1997/CRP.22)
3. UNDP: Resources and funding strategy [4] (DP/1997/CRP.23, CRP.25)
4. UNFPA: Resource mobilization [8] (DP/FPA/1997/12)
5. Other matters [10]
6. Pending decisions
7. Organizational matters: Draft work plan 1998 of the Executive Board [1] (DP/1997/CRP.21)

[There will be a meeting of the donors group *today* at 9 a.m. in Conference Room 8.]

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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*Friday, 19 September 1997*

GROUP OF 77
*(on Fifth Committee matters)*

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| 10 a.m.-<br>1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 5 |

GROUP OF 77 OF THE WHOLE
*(at the ambassadorial level)*

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| 10.30 a.m.-<br>1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 4 |

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES
*(on the revised draft ministerial communiqué)*

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| 10 a.m.-<br>1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 2 |
| 3 p.m.-<br>6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 2 |

GROUP OF 77
*(on the draft ministerial declaration)*

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| 3 p.m.-<br>4 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 4 |

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES GROUP
*(at the ambassadorial level)*

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| 3 p.m.-<br>4.30 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 5 |

EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES GROUP
*(at the ambassadorial level)*

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| 5 p.m.-<br>6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 5 |

**United Nations Institute for Training and Research**

GENERAL BRIEFING FOR NEW DELEGATES ON THE WORK OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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| 10 a.m.-<br>1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 1 |

GENERAL BRIEFING FOR NEW DELEGATES ON THE WORK OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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| 10 a.m.-<br>1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 3 |

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**Announcement**

As from Monday, 1 September 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings from 1 to 19 September will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226), and thereafter in Conference Room E.

## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

*Monday, 22 September 1997*

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Fifty-second session*

10 a.m. 5th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization: presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report on the work of the Organization (A/52/1).

2. Opening of the general debate:

   Brazil

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America.

4. Continuation of the general debate:

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Denmark

   Address by His Excellency The Honourable Major-General Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka, Prime Minister, Minister with Special Responsibility for the Constitution Review and Minister for Regional Development and Multi-Ethnic Affairs of the Republic of Fiji

   United Republic of Tanzania

   Chile

3 p.m. 6th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Dr. Arnoldo Alemán Lacayo, President of the Republic of Nicaragua.

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Leonid D. Kuchma, President of the Ukraine.

3. Continuation of the general debate:

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Mohammad Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

   Norway

   South Africa

   Czech Republic

   Georgia

   Islamic Republic of Iran

**Committees**

SIXTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 2nd meeting | Conference Room 1 |

WORKING GROUP PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

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| Morning* | closed meeting | Conference Room 1 |
| 3 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 1 |

* Following the adjournment of the 2nd meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA

*Lists of speakers*

The first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will take place in Rome from 29 September to 10 October 1997.

The high-level segment will be held on 7 and 8 and in the morning of 9 October 1997. Statements in this segment will be open to Heads of State or government, ministers and heads of delegation of the States participating in the first session of the Conference of the Parties. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the high-level segment is now open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: 963-5742; fax: 963-5935 (from Thursday, 25 September, in Rome, tel.: 570-50346)).

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**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

The first session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be held from 1 to 3 October 1997 in Conference Room 4. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document E/CN.17/IFF/1997/1.

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**Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA**

The Executive Board will hold a workshop on "Narrowing the Focus: UNDP Core Development Services" on Monday, 22 September 1997, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

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## Presentation

An informal presentation, by Mr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations, will take place on Monday, 29 September 1997, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The presentation will include: Mr. James D. Wolfensohn's presentation at the Annual Meetings in Hong Kong (video); and a brief discussion of the World Bank's Annual Report for 1997. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the representatives of the non-governmental organizations are invited.

# SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

*Wednesday, 17 September 1997*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

GENERAL COMMITTEE 1st meeting

*Organization of the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/52/1)*

*Section I*

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the provisions reproduced in annexes V, VI, VII and VIII of its rules of procedure.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 4 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

*Organization of the session (Section II)*

*Section II.A*

The General Committee took note of rule 40 of the rules of procedure, General Assembly decision 34/401, Assembly resolution 39/88 B and the annex to resolution 45/45.

*Section II.B*

The General Committee took note of paragraphs 6 and 7 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

In connection with paragraph 8 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General, the General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 5 of the annex to its resolution 45/45 and to paragraph 23 of annex I to its resolution 50/227.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 9 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

*Section II.C*

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the fifty-second session should recess not later than Tuesday, 16 December 1997.

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the fact that the closing date of the fifty-second session would be subject to the implementation of resolution 51/241 of 31 July 1997.

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that all the Main Committees begin their work as soon as possible and complete their work by Friday, 28 November 1997.

*Section II.D*

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the suggestions contained in paragraphs 11 to 13 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General, including the recommendation that, as a cost saving measure, plenary meetings and meetings of the Main Committees, including informals, be adjourned by 6 p.m. and that no meetings be held on weekends. The Committee also recommended that this cost-saving measure should apply, for the remainder of 1997, to meetings on the calendar of conferences and meetings. The Committee further recommended that, in order to avoid the late start of meetings, the General Assembly should waive the requirements of the presence of at least one third of the members to declare a plenary meeting open and to permit the debate to proceed and of at least one quarter of the members to declare a meeting of a Main Committee open and permit the debate to proceed.

*Section II.E*

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the suggestions contained in paragraphs 14 to 16 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General concerning the duration of the general debate (beginning on Monday, 22 September and ending on Friday, 10 October 1997), the closure of the list of speakers (to close on Wednesday, 24 September, at 6 p.m.), the prohibition of the expression of congratulations in the General Assembly Hall after a speech had been delivered and the departure through Room GA-200 of speakers after delivering their statements.

*Section II.F*

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of its decision 34/401, concerning explanations of vote and rights of reply.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that points of order be limited to five minutes.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly, as it did at recent sessions, to rules 72 and 114 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 22 of annex VI thereto concerning length of statements for appropriate action in plenary meetings and the Main Committees.

*Section II.G*

The General Committee took note of paragraph 20 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

The General Committee also decided to recommend to the General Assembly that its decision not to reproduce in *extenso* statements made in a Main Committee should be maintained for the fifty-second session.

*Section II.H*

The General Committee was informed that Honduras was the name drawn for the purpose of occupying the first desk on the General Assembly floor and from which the seating order would begin.

*Section II.I*

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the need for the full implementation of paragraph 17 of its decision 34/401 concerning concluding statements.

*Section II.J*

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 32 of its decision 34/401, to recommendation 3 (f) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, to paragraph 5 of Assembly resolution 48/264, to paragraph 24 of annex I to Assembly resolution 50/227, and to paragraphs 1 and 10 of the annex to Assembly resolution 45/45.

*Section II.K*

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 28 of its decision 34/401 relating to reports of the Secretary-General or subsidiary organs.

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 6 of its resolution 48/264 and to paragraph 4 of its resolution 50/206 C.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 30 concerning control of documentation.

*Section II.L*

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the provisions contained in paragraphs 31, 32, 33 and 34 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General concerning questions related to the programme budget.

*Section II.M*

The General Committee decided to endorse the suggestions contained in paragraphs 35 and 36.

*Section II.N*

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the recommendations referred to in paragraphs 37 and 38 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

*Section II.O*

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the Assembly should authorize the meetings of the subsidiary organs referred to in paragraph 39 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

*Observations and proposals on the organization of future sessions of the General Assembly (Section III)*

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to resolution 51/241, especially to section VI of the annex to the resolution.

The representative of Ireland made a statement.

*Adoption of the agenda (Section IV)*

The General Committee took note of paragraphs 43 and 44, dealing with the rationalization of the agenda, including paragraphs 4 and 5 (a) and (c) of annex I to General Assembly resolution 48/264.

In this connection, the attention of the General Committee was drawn to paragraph 24 of the annex to resolution 51/241.

*Items 1 to 6*

The General Committee took note that the General Assembly had already dealt with items 1 to 6 of the draft agenda.

*Items 7 to 93*

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include these items in the agenda.

*Item 94*

Statements were made by the representatives of Togo and Greece.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that consideration of this item be deferred to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly and that it be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

*Item 95*

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt and Greece.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that consideration of this item be deferred to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly and that it be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

*Item 96*

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Croatia, at his request, to take a place at the Committee's table.

The representative of Croatia made a statement.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

*Items 97*

The representative of Venezuela made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

*Items 98 to 156*

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include these items in the agenda.

*Item 157*

The representative of Mongolia made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

*Item 158*

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

*Item 159*

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Bangladesh, Mongolia, the Russian Federation, Egypt, Mexico and Ireland.

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedures, statements were made by the representatives of Solomon Islands, Honduras, Senegal, Swaziland, Burkina Faso, the Gambia, Liberia, Nicaragua, Chad, Dominica, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau and El Salvador.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Kuwait, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Nepal, Argentina, Afghanistan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, the Bahamas, Papua New Guinea, Colombia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Pakistan, Myanmar, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, Italy, Cyprus, Zambia, Malawi, Brazil and Belarus, at their requests, to take their places at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Kuwait, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Nepal, Argentina, Afghanistan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, the Bahamas, Papua New Guinea, Colombia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Pakistan, Myanmar, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, Italy, Cyprus, Zambia, Malawi, Brazil and Belarus.

The General Committee decided not to recommend the inclusion of this item in the agenda.

## *Thursday, 18 September 1997*

### SECURITY COUNCIL

3818th meeting

*Tribute to the memory of the victims of the United Nations helicopter crash in Bosnia and Herzegovina*

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council.

The Council observed a minute of silence.

*The situation in Croatia*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Croatia and Germany, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1997/45).

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

GENERAL COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

Note: The summary of the 2nd meetingof the General Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/182).

## SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

### [MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

*Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the Conference of the States Parties on 12 December 1995*

*Acceptance*: Canada (17 September 1997)*

*Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, between States and International Organizations or between International Organizations, concluded at Vienna on 21 March 1986*

*Ratification*: Netherlands (18 September 1997)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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